

National Recreation Trail Application for Designation



Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the National Recreation Trail (NRT) program. Completed NRT application packages must be submitted by November 1 for the NRT designation to be announced during the following National Trails Day celebration in June.

Interested trail managers should begin the application process in coordination with their Regional NRT Program Manager by September 1 to ensure they meet the November 1 deadline. If you need the contact information for your Regional NRT Program Manager, please contact the National Recreation Trail Coordinator at the address listed below. **If your trail is on federal land administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, please contact the USDA Forest Service NRT Program Coordinator at (202) 205-1589 for guidelines on their application process.**

Upon designation, the information you provide in the following application will be used to set up a NRT web page for your trail. To view existing NRT web pages, visit www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails.

Please note: Letters of consent are required from all landowners whose property the trail crosses. These letters do not need to be submitted with the application, but must be kept on file by the trail managing agency. Please see the NRT website for more details, including a list of current program criteria.

For Information and Assistance

If you have questions about the NRT program, would like additional information including copies of the NRT brochure, or would like the name and contact information for your agency or Regional NRT Program Manager, please contact the National Recreation Trail Coordinator.

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U.S. Department of the Interior
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NRT Application Package Instructions

Please complete the following NRT Application to apply for designation as a National Recreation Trail. Submit the

completed application, along with any additional materials (e.g. letters of support, trail map, trail brochure, photos) to the National Recreation Trail Coordinator by November 1. If you have digital images of your trail map, brochure, or photos, please include these on a disk or CD with your application package for possible use on the NRT web page for your trail. Before sending a disk or cd, please contact the NRT coordinator for the appropriate shipping address.

The application must be submitted by the trail managing agency, organization or individual officially responsible for permitting trail use. If the trail is managed by more than one entity, either one application with a statement of support from all managing entities, or individual applications from each trail managing entity may be submitted.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of support from the appropriate State Trails Coordinator (see NRT website).

Trail Name _____

Trail Location _____

County(ies) _____

State(s) _____

Congressional District(s) _____

Trail Managing Agency or Organization _____

Trail Managers Name _____

Address _____

City, State, zip code _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email address _____

Website address _____

Public Information Contact
(if different from trail managing agency/organization)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, zip code _____

Phone number _____ Fax Number _____

Email address _____

Web site address _____

Existing Trail Designation

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ None/Unknown
- ☐ Millennium Trail:
 ___ National ___ Legacy ___ Community
- ☐ Other National Designation (Please list)

- ☐ State or local designations (Please list)

Trail Type

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Greenway
- ☐ Rail-trail
- ☐ Backcountry
- ☐ Urban trail/bikeway
- ☐ Snow trail
- ☐ Water trail
- ☐ Other (please list)

What Is Special about Your Trail?

For marketing purposes, please describe all that apply and include a 1-paragraph descriptive narrative of your trail. Please limit response to space provided below.

- Innovative trail design and construction
- Connection with other significant trails
- Diverse partnership and support
- Accesses outstanding natural, cultural and/or historic resources:
- Provides trail experiences for underserved communities
- Serves a broad population
- Uses cost-effective management strategies

Trail Uses and Activities

Mark *A* for Allowed or *P* for Prohibited.

Trail Uses

- ☐ Bicycling (any)
- ☐ Bicycling-Mountain
- ☐ Boating-Motorized
- ☐ Boating-Non-motorized:
 - ☐ Canoeing
 - ☐ Kayaking
 - ☐ Rafting
 - ☐ Sailing
- ☐ Camping
- ☐ Camping-Backpacking
- ☐ Dogs-Mushing
- ☐ Dogs-On Leash
- ☐ Dogs-Off Leash
- ☐ Equestrian-Riding
- ☐ Equestrian-Pack Trips
- ☐ Equestrian-Other Stock
- ☐ Fishing
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-ATV Riding
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-Four-wheel drive
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-Motorcycling
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-OHV Driving
- ☐ Motorized Vehicles-Snowmobiling
- ☐ Pedestrian-Caving
- ☐ Pedestrian-Hiking/Walking/Running
- ☐ Roller/Inline Skating
- ☐ Shooting-Archery
- ☐ Shooting-Skeet
- ☐ Shooting-Target
- ☐ Skateboarding
- ☐ Snow-Skiing, Cross Country
- ☐ Snow-Snowshoeing
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Swimming-Diving/Snorkeling
- ☐ Wildlife observation - Birds
- ☐ Wildlife observation - Mammals

Other activities

- ☐ Hang Gliding
- ☐ Hunting (any)
- ☐ Hunting-Archery
- ☐ Hunting-Big Game
- ☐ Hunting-Bird
- ☐ Hunting-Small Game
- ☐ Ice Skating
- ☐ Land Sailing
- ☐ Rock Climbing
- ☐ Rockhounding
- ☐ Snow-Skiing, Downhill
- ☐ Snow-Snow Play, General
- ☐ Snow-Snowboarding
- ☐ Sand Sailing
- ☐ Others (please list)

Facilities at, along, or near the Trail

Please indicate the *number* of these facilities that exist.

- ☐ Bench
- ☐ Boat Launch
- ☐ Cabin
- ☐ Camping Area
- ☐ Corral/Hitching Rail
- ☐ Fire Ring/Grill
- ☐ Historical Site
- ☐ OHV Play Area
- ☐ Parking
- ☐ Parking, Trailer
- ☐ Picnic Area
- ☐ Public Shelter
- ☐ Resort/Ranch
- ☐ Restrooms
- ☐ RV Hookup
- ☐ Shooting Range
- ☐ Showers
- ☐ Sign: ☐ Interpretive ☐ Directional
- ☐ Ski Area
- ☐ Telephone
- ☐ Trail Access Information
- ☐ Trail Intersection
- ☐ Trailheads
- ☐ Trash Disposal
- ☐ Visitor Center
- ☐ Water, Non-Potable
- ☐ Water, Potable
- ☐ Other (please list)

Features at, along, or near the Trail

Please indicate the *number* of these features that exist.

- ☐ Archeo/Paleontological/Historical
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Cave
- ☐ Climbing Area
- ☐ Coastline
- ☐ Creek
- ☐ Geological
- ☐ Glacier
- ☐ Grove
- ☐ Lake, Pond, Reservoir
- ☐ Meadow
- ☐ Mountain Peak
- ☐ River
- ☐ Scenic Viewpoint
- ☐ Spring, Geyser
- ☐ Swimming Area
- ☐ Valley, Canyon
- ☐ Waterfall
- ☐ Wetland
- ☐ Other (please list)

Accessibility

Trail length: _____ miles

Loop trail? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lowest elevation: _____ feet

Highest elevation: _____ feet

Average width of tread or beaten path _____ inches

Minimum width of tread or beaten path _____ inches

Average grade of trail _____ %

Maximum grade of trail _____ %

Average cross-slope _____ %

Is user accessibility information available? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, in what format:

☐ trailhead signage ☐ brochure ☐ web site ☐ other

Additional information:

Trail Fees

Admission ☐ Yes ☐ No amount \$ _____

Parking fees ☐ Yes ☐ No amount \$ _____

Permit required ☐ Yes ☐ No amount \$ _____

Open Dates

☐ Open all year

☐ Open from _____ to _____

Times of Trail Operation

☐ Open 24 hours

☐ Open from _____ to _____

Seasonal Closures

Please indicate dates and reason for closure.

Primary and Additional Surface Material

Please check all that apply. Place the letter "P" next to the material that is the primary surface of the trail.

- _____ Asphalt
- _____ Boardwalk
- _____ Bituminous Treatment
- _____ Bricks
- _____ Concrete
- _____ Crushed Rock, Compacted
- _____ Grass or Vegetation
- _____ Gravel
- _____ Paver Blocks
- _____ Puncheon
- _____ Rock, Boulders
- _____ Rock, Smooth
- _____ Sand
- _____ Snow or Ice
- _____ Soil
- _____ Soil, Compacted
- _____ Soil with Stabilizer
- _____ Water, Moving
- _____ Water, Still
- _____ Wood Chips
- _____ Wood, Running Plank

Certification for Public Use

I hereby certify that: (1) I am duly authorized to represent the agency, organization or individual officially responsible for permitting trail use; (2) that the trail is in existence and will be available for public use, to the best of my knowledge, for at least 10 consecutive years after designation as a National Recreation Trail; and (3) for trails managed by more than one entity, there is 100% support for the designation among all affected landowners and/or managers. All landowners that will be affected by this designation have been notified and have given their written consent to this application. If this trail becomes permanently closed to public use, we will immediately notify the National Recreation Trail Coordinator at the National Park Service.

Applicant Signature _____

Agency or Organization _____

Address _____

Date _____